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Invention: SYSTEM, COMPUTER PRODUCT AND METHOD FOR
PROVIDING A PRIVATE COMMUNICATION PORTAL
Application No.: 09/595,533
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Country: United States of America
Inventor: Steven P. Meyer, et al.
Examiner: Majid A. Banankhah
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Dear Sirs:

Agent for Applicant acknowledges receipt of office action dated July 17, 2003 and responds as follows:

EXTENSION OF TIME:

Agent for Applicant respectfully requests that the \$55.00 fee for **EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO THE OFFICE ACTION TO NOVEMBER 17, 2003** be deducted from deposit account 502385.

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A telephone interview was requested by Agent for Applicant in writing. No "Applicant Initiated Interview Summary Form" was completed.

The materials attached hereto were submitted prior to the interview. The materials included a revised broadest system claim (the "Revised Broadest System Claim").

The interview occurred by telephone on October 7, 2003 at 11:00 a.m.

The following individuals participated:

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- Andrew Cheung (one of the inventors).
- Anthony de Fazekas for Agent for Applicant.
- Examiner Majid A. Banankhah.

United States Patent No. 6,538,996 was discussed ("West et al."), as well as the pertinence of the prior art generally. The subject matter of the invention was discussed, specifically a